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HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 21st, 1910.

ONE of the most striking features of the account given by Dr. MORRISON of the journey he undertook in the first half of the present year was the picture he drew of the remarkable development of Western China. This subject was again mentioned by him in his recent noteworthy paper read before the members of the Authors' Club in London. It has been rightly said that no degree of misgovernment can neutralise the effect of the astonishing industry and enterprise of the masses of the Chinese race. We must look beyond the Forbidden City to the vast stretches of country devastated less than half a century ago by civil war on a scale of great magnitude, and see how these areas have been re-populated and how the population is gradually spreading out into the waste spaces of the Empire and bringing them under cultivation, if we would realise the strength and vitality of the people of China. Dr. MORRISON in his recent lecture at the Authors' Club reminded his hearers that men perished by the millions in the great Taping Rebellion, which devastated the valley of the Yangtze, and in the two great Mohammedan insurrections which laid waste the provinces of Yunnan and Kansuh and the New Dominion. More recently extending over a period of years, there was almost an annual insurrection in the province of Kwangsi carrying death to thousands. Now the Empire is enjoying

a measure of peace and tranquility, greater than has been known for more than sixty years, and the population must be increasing at a rate unequalled probably in any other country in the world. Dr. MORRISON says, "such is the vitality of the people, so prolific are they and so quickly do they multiply, that vast spaces in the devastated provinces have recovered their prosperity and are more thickly peopled than they were before the rebellion." That, of course, can only be an impression. There are, no statistics in China on which a definite statement can be based. For instance, it is a commonly accepted notion that China has a population of four hundred millions, but this is a mere guess, which many believe to be very wide of the mark. Sir ALEXANDER HOSIE, who has travelled extensively in China, expressed the opinion a few years ago that the population of China did not exceed two hundred and fifty millions. Nor was there better basis for the statement recorded in history that the population of the province of Kansuh was reduced by the Mohammedan rebellion from thirty millions to six millions. There was no census before or after, and consequently there are no statistics which would enable Dr. MORRISON to say positively that the scenes of these great rebellions are more abundantly peopled now than they were before. This is not to deny that it is so, nor to suggest that it is improbable. While peace prevails the population is bound to increase in China at a great rate, but there is still room to doubt whether China has enjoyed uninterrupted peace long enough to bring her population up to the level at which it stood before the rebellions broke out. There was one other observation in Dr. MORRISON'S speech which we would like to see substantiated. He said in Yunnan province the change is quite as remarkable as in the Yangtze Valley, and the suppression of the growth of the poppy, which was formerly the chief product of the province, has been followed by harvests which have added immensely to the material happiness and prosperity of the people. This conflicts with all other reports we have seen as to the present conditions in the two provinces of Yunnan and Szechuan where the poppy used to be so extensively grown. Other observers who dwell in the province of Yunnan have reported that great distress prevails in consequence of the prohibition of opium cultivation, and very similar reports come from Szechuan. Mr. Consul SMITH, who is stationed at Chungking wrote, in his last letter, "Little or nothing has been done to assist the agricultural population to find a new crop, and while cultivation of the mulberry for sericulture is reported to be increasing in some parts, it would seem, on the whole, that during the present season vegetable and food-stuffs already common to the various localities (rape, beans, peas, wheat, &c.) have replaced opium. The value of these is estimated to be between a third or a quarter that of the poppy. The value of agricultural land is decreasing and farmers are accordingly demanding a reduction of rentals." He also says that to make up for the serious loss of public revenue involved by the suppression of opium new taxation has been instituted, and he anticipates that the consequential diminution in the purchasing power of the people will first be felt in the direction of imports, of which about 75 per cent are of foreign origin. If this be the case, the development of the western provinces, which has been due, very largely due to the cultivation of opium is likely to be seriously checked; but the Chinese seem quickly to rise from their misfortunes and to derive from them a great accession of strength. We trust this may be the experience of the provinces which have owed their prosperity in the past mainly to the cultivation of the poppy.

Mr. H. P. White retired to the Colony on Saturday.

Harmato's Circus embarked on the Yuen Sang yesterday for Manila.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to recognise Mr. Algar E. Carlsson as Vice and Deputy Consul-General of the United States of America in Hongkong.

H. E. the Governor has been pleased to recognise, provisionally and pending the receipt of His Majesty's exequatur, M. Vladimir d'Oettingen as Consul for Russia in Hongkong.

The Gazette contains an announcement to the effect that His Majesty the King has been pleased to entrust the seals of the Colonial Department to the Right Hon. Lewis Vernon Harcourt, M. P.

A notification appears in the current issue of the Gazette to the effect that no dog brought from Shanghai will be permitted to land in Hongkong for a period of three months with effect from the 15th November.

A census will be taken in Hongkong on the 20th of May next. Mr. P. T. J. Wodehouse has been appointed Census Officer.

On Saturday fifty-five undesirable from Batavia were landed here by the s.s. *Typhoon* prior to their being returned to their homes in China.

A donation of \$10 by George Hastings, Esq., to the Solomon Family Fund, in addition to those already mentioned, is acknowledged by the hon. treasurer.

A naval funeral took place at the Happy Valley on Saturday, when the remains of the sailor named Williams, who, while engaged painting the side of H.M.S. *Kent*, fell from a platform to the deck below, fracturing his skull, were interred with the usual honours.

The seven Colovian pirates who were arrested on Dumb Bell Island were on Saturday placed on board the Chinese gunboat *Kiang Yin*, which was accompanied by the torpedo boat *Loui Fu*, and taken to Canton, where they will be tried and punished. Their extradition was applied for by the Chinese Government, and granted by the Colonial Government.

Renter has been somewhat premature in announcing that Great Britain is offering China a new opium agreement, writes the *Allahabad Pioneer*. It is possible that a new and more liberal agreement may be concluded, but apparently at present the matter is in the stage of active discussion between India, London and Peking.

His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following Ordinances—Ordinance No. 18 of 1910, entitled—An Ordinance to amend the Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance 1900, and to make special provision for the Resumption of Crown Lands of small value for public purposes, Ordinance No. 20 of 1910 entitled—An Ordinance to amend the Marriage Ordinance 1875.

St. Angel Ortiz, one of the best known and oldest established Spanish merchants in the Philippines, died last week at the Hospital of San Juan de Dios of heart trouble at the advanced age of sixty years. In the early days of American occupation St. Ortiz was the head of an important shipping concern and the proprietor of the Almacén Luzon, but as a result of the war he met with financial reverses. Under Spanish rule he formed a part of the membership of the Ayuntamiento of Manila and was once the mayor of the city. Some weeks ago he met with an automobile accident in Paramague and from that time had suffered the effects of a broken arm.

Messrs Ellis & Ellis of Hongkong Weekly Rubber Share Circular say:—Again, the Rubber share market has presented during the week its now almost monotonously frequent irregular features. The period under review opened fairly strong, but gave way almost immediately after with the receipt of London wires on Tuesday advising the price of Fine Hard Para at 5/3d. per lb. sellers. Later, this weakness has been further accentuated when London called the report that the market closed "weak and with less inquiry." In this parlous condition the market closes to-day. The Singapore market calls for no special comment, stocks and quotations remaining at the same level as when reported in our last circular on the 11th inst. Two of the leading Straits Companies, namely, the Pegoh, Limited, and the Sandycroft Rubber Co., Ltd., have each declared a dividend of \$1 per share.

THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS STEAMSHIP CO.

The Manila *Cablenews* of the 15th inst. has the following leading article:—The entrance of the two fine steamers, the *Rubi* and the *Zafiro*, into the inter-island and coastwise trade of the Philippines is an event very worthy of note. The Philippine Islands Steamship Company, under whose auspices the former Hongkong-Manila steamers have raised the American flag and joined the coastwise fleet, is destined, with the other local shipping firms engaged in inter-island trade, to play an important part in the development of the islands.

The venture is a new one on part of the fleet backing the new vessels. It displays a praiseworthy confidence in the future of the insular commerce, and it is the hope of every one interested in the growth of local industries that the confidence will meet with justification in the cargoes that will be found and the passengers that will be booked by the palatial newcomers in inter-island waters.

It is a matter of congratulation to the people of the islands that they are to have these two very seaworthy vessels of over 4,000 tons displacement connecting Manila with the southern ports. The schedule that is to be followed by the *Rubi* and the *Zafiro* will form a new and healthy artery that will assist in giving free and lively circulation to the rich blood of Philippine commerce. Every vessel added to the coastwise fleet of this country means more constant and regular communication between the remote sections of the archipelago. It means more chances to send mail, more opportunities to dispatch freight. It means more eyes looking for cargoes, more brain power trained on the latent wealth of the fields and forests and mountains of this country; in the end it will mean an increase in production and a greater volume of commerce between the isolated ports and the shipping centres of the country.

The writer is glad to welcome the *Rubi* and *Zafiro* under the American flag and to bespeak for them a prosperous round of voyages in these waters new to their keels. We also felicitate the people of these islands on the acquisition of these vessels that bring the southern islands nearer to Manila's new harbours.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

For P. & O. S. N. Co.'s str. *Assaye* left Singapore for this port on the 19th instant, at 8 a.m., with the outward English Mail, and is due here on the 24th instant, at about 4 p.m. The C.P.R. Co.'s str. *Monteagle* left Yokohama for Vancouver and Victoria, B.C., on the 18th instant, at 3 p.m.

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PLAGUE MEASURES IN SHANGHAI.

UNANIMITY AT LAST.

SHANGHAI, November 20th. The committees of the Municipal Council and Chinese residents, after deliberating for six hours, have agreed to co-operate in a plan of plague prevention measures. House inspection is to be carried out by foreign lady doctors, accompanied by foreign-trained Chinese doctors, and patients are to be removed to a Chinese hospital outside the Settlement.

The boycott of piece goods auctions has been rescinded.

THE LABOUR TROUBLES IN SOUTH WALES.

SERIOUS SITUATION.

LONDON, November 20th.

The situation is still serious in South Wales.

Intimidation is rampant in Mid Rhondda, and the military at Aberdare have withdrawn from the Territorials their belts and rifles.

GREAT BRITAIN AND PERSIA.

A RESOLUTE ATTITUDE.

LONDON, November 20th.

The British Minister at Teheran, replying to a communication from the Persian Government, has declined to discuss the presence of foreign troops in Persia, has denied that the measures taken for the purpose of putting an end to anarchy infringe Persia's sovereign rights.

The Minister adds that Great Britain can only agree to the surcharge on the Customs being devoted to the cost of policing the southern trade routes.

THE POLITICAL CRISIS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, November 19th.

In the House of Commons last night Mr. Asquith said he had hoped to the last that the Constitutional Conference would reach a settlement on the veto question, but it was useless now to attempt a settlement by agreement.

The Government proposed to pass the essential part of the Finance Bill—(cheers)—and afterwards dissolve Parliament on the 28th of November.

"TO ATTEST THE SINCERITY OF THE ALLIANCE."

JAPAN ORDERS DREADNOUGHT FROM ENGLAND.

LONDON, November 19th.

Japan, has given a contract to Messrs. Vickers, Son & Maxim for the construction of a Dreadnought cruiser of over 27,000 tons register and at a cost of 2½ millions sterling. It is stipulated that every part, including the armament and armour, shall be built in England.

It is understood that Japan desires in this way to mark her appreciation of British workmanship and at the same time attest the sincerity of the Alliance.

[FROM THE MANILA "CABLENEWS."]

THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Washington, Nov. 14th. United States Senator J. Aldrich, of Maryland, is sailing for the Philippines to gather data for the purpose of making a campaign for the independence of the islands. Senator Aldrich says he believes it to be the duty of the Democrats in Congress to take up the question of the independence of the islands in the coming session.

DEATH OF U.S. A. SENATOR.

Washington Nov. 14th. United States Senator Alexander Stephens of Georgia is dead.

THE JESUITS FROM MACAO.

ARRIVAL IN HONGKONG.

The Jesuit Fathers of Macao, anticipating the early promulgation in Macao of the decree of expulsion issued from Lisbon, left for Hongkong on Saturday morning. The Superior, Father Arkwright, and five others are accommodated at the Spanish Provisional, and the remaining six are the recipients of the hospitality of the French Provisional.

Yesterday a representative of the *Daily Press* had an interview with Father Arkwright, who readily explained their position. "On Friday afternoon," he said, "we learned that his Excellency the Governor of Macao would have to intimate to us the decree of expulsion promulgated from Lisbon, and in order to relieve him of the unpleasant duty of conveying the message to us, and in order to avert any disturbance which might be created by the soldiers or sailors, we thought it better to leave immediately. On learning that the decree would be published at five o'clock on Saturday afternoon we decided to quit Macao that morning and left for Hongkong at nine o'clock. The Governor would not be obliged to convey the decree to the Seminary, as the only one in charge was a secular priest, who is, of course, exempt under the decree."

"How many were connected with the work of the Seminary?"

"There were seven priests, two secularists, and three lay brothers. By chance, there was a missionary present from Timor, also a Jesuit. He, of course, came under the law and had to leave."

"The Seminary which the Jesuits conducted is not the only educational establishment in Macao for boys, is it?"

"Well, it is the only one which is appreciated. There is the Lyceum, which has about twelve professors, but only about a dozen boys attend it. In addition there is the English school supported by the Town Council. It is taught by Mr. Nightingale."

"How many boys had you in your Seminary?"

"We had 100 boarders and about 150 day boys."

"I suppose that practically represents all the youth of Macao?"

"Yes."

"And the Lyceum?"

"The boys don't go there. They come to us."

"How is the Seminary supported?"

"In the first place, it has to be remembered that we are not the possessors of the school. We are simply the administrators. We are called by the Bishop of Macao to carry on the college, and we do it by means of a subsidy, a monthly subsidy, granted by the Bishop. The professors are priests from Portugal, and most of them are Government functionaries, receiving a salary from the Government. We receive nothing in the way of pension from either the boarders or the day boys. If the former are not going in for the priesthood they pay \$15 a month. Those who intend going in for the priesthood pay about \$5 a month. Most of them, however, are gratis."

"Now that you have left Macao, will this work be ended?"

"No, I don't think so. The Bishop will probably call in the secular priests, and as most of them are old boys they will doubtless be able to carry on the college as before. If he does not call on old boys but others, then the whole system will be changed. It is very likely that he will ask the old boys from Singapore or from Macao to take charge of the work."

"Then there will be little or no change in this establishment involved by the departure of the Jesuits?"

"Except that I was the only English professor there. Of course the Bishop may get another English professor to take my place. I had 100 boys there divided into three classes."

"Have you any plans for the future?"

"Well, we are waiting the results of the telegrams which have been sent by people in Hongkong, in Macao, and in Singapore to Lisbon praying that we be allowed to remain in Macao. No answer to these telegrams has yet been received."

"And if the answer be favourable?"

"We shall return to Macao. If a favourable answer is not received in about a week's time we shall disperse, and go either to Shanghai, Manila, or Brazil. We have nothing to do here."

"How have the Jesuits been supported hitherto?"

"The priests were functionaries of the Government and received about \$53 a month. They had board and lodging in the college. The rector is exactly in the same position as the others. He receives no more notwithstanding his onerous duties. I am not a Government functionary. I am simply paid by the Seminary."

"I suppose your school work has been deranged of late?"

"Yes, the classes were in disorder. Still we taught up to the last minute. Unless the answer from Lisbon is favourable we shall not go back. There is plenty of room for us elsewhere. In Brazil there are large colleges under-staffed, and they would be very glad to get these Portuguese professors, while an English professor would be a God-send to them, as it was in Macao."

"You have no idea as to what will happen in the next few days?"

"None of us know. The rector knows. He has doubtless decided already, and when the time comes he will let us know."

"But you did not confine yourselves to scholastic work?"

"No, we had a good deal of spiritual work. We had to hear confessions, we had to preach, and we had to give retreats. Besides, we visit the hospitals and the prisons. We also directed the large confraternities and clubs, all of which takes time."

"Can you say what will happen to the educational work carried on by the nuns?"

"There are two girls' schools. The Santo Clara for higher education and the Santo Antonio for poorer children."

"Will they be stopped also?"

"I think they may be allowed to continue. The decree applies to religious. That is, the masculine form, and strictly speaking the decree can only be applied to men. Therefore it is probable that the Canesian and the Franciscan Sisters will be allowed to remain."

Father Arkwright then supplied the following list of the Jesuits with notes of their work in the College:

Father Antonio Henriques, rector, named September, 1907. Came to Macao in September, 1898. Classes: Holy Scriptures, elementary class; substitute for other professors in cases of sickness.

Father Jono Gonsalves, formerly rector of Seminary. Classes: Dogmatic theology, morning and afternoon.

Father William Arkwright. Arrived in Macao February, 1898. English teacher ever since, Portuguese being the medium of instruction.

Father Jono Lucas, arrived October, 1895. Classes: Moral Theology, one hour daily; Latin, two hours daily; Minister of the House. Looks after the discipline, food, etc.

Father Luis Mendes, spiritual father of the boys. Classes: Rhetoric; two hours daily; universal history, three hours daily. Arrived in October, 1895.

Father Sorphum Nazareth, arrived in November, 1905. Classes: Latin (Humanities), two hours a day; Portuguese, one hour daily; procurator.

Fr. Jolo Pereira, arrived September, 1903. Classes: Portuguese, one hour daily; French, one hour daily; geography, two hours a day. Prefect of the day boys and other occupations.

Mr. Antonio Netto, scholastic, arrived in September, 1908. Classes: Philosophy, i.e., Logic, Ontology, Cosmology, Psychology, Theology, Ethics, Natural Law, two hours a day; Cosmography, Natural Sciences, i.e., Botany, Zoology and Geology, one hour daily.

Mr. Pedro Damiao do Rosario, Prefect.

Three lay brothers, Mr. Antonio Castro, professor of the elementary classes, three hours a day; Mr. Afonso Sebastiao, Infirmary and butler; and Mr. Agostinho Vicoati, porter and linen-room man.

These classes do not embrace the full course of the Seminary. Some years one subject is taught, and in other years other subjects.

BIG CONFISCATION OF OPIUM.

The large quantity of opium recently found concealed in the coal bunkers of the s.s. *Tyibodae* was the subject of an application made on Saturday before Mr. J. E. Wood at the Magistracy. Mr. Shenton, from the office of Messrs. Deacon, Looker & Deacon, appeared on behalf of the Opium Farmer, who asked that it be confiscated under Sections 66 and 67 of the Opium Ordinance.

Mr. Shenton said the only point before his Worship was whether he should exercise his discretion in favour of the Opium Farmer. Prior to this Ordinance it had been the universal habit where a conviction had been obtained by the Opium Farmer against anybody for illegally smoking opium that the utensils, pipes, etc., were forfeited to the Farmer, who also received a proportion of the fines. He was informed that these forfeitures and fines amounted to something like \$20,000 per year, and in regulating the price which the Opium Farmer had to pay for the monopoly which he enjoyed these sums were taken into consideration and formed the basis on which the price was regulated. Under Section 5 of the Ordinance very extensive rights and privileges were granted to the Farmer, and for these privileges he paid something like \$98,600 per month. The preparation of the opium by the Farmer was strictly under the supervision of Government and it had to be of a first-class quality. But this particular opium with which they were now concerned was not first-class opium at all; it was very inferior opium. His Worship would see that it was greatly to the benefit of the Colony that the Opium Farmer should be encouraged in every way to confiscate this inferior stuff. In the Ordinance particular powers were given the Farmer of searching, and he was empowered to go on ships and take any of this opium which he could find. The giving of the opium in this case to the Farmer would be an extra encouragement to him to be particularly diligent in his searches, which would mean that the public would be protected from having foisted on it this inferior opium at a reduced price. If it was handed over to him it would be brought up to statutory standard before it again was offered to the public. That was the benefit the public would receive by the confiscation of the opium.

His Worship said this particular opium was rather a windfall and was somewhat outside ordinary funds. He would refuse the application that it be handed over to the Opium Farmer, but would grant liberty to apply to the Government.

THE PHILIPPINE IMMIGRATION REGULATION.

RELAXATION IN FAVOUR OF CHINESE SERVANTS.

A circular just issued by Collector of Customs H. B. McCoy permits the landing of Chinese servants in the Philippine Islands provided the employers are *bona fide* tourists and provided further that a bond of 500 pesos is furnished guaranteeing the servants' departure from the Philippine Islands within ninety days. Chinese servants who apply for the privilege of transit through the Philippine Islands must show satisfactory evidence in the form of prepaid return or continuous voyage tickets that their contemplated stay is only temporary, and must further submit to a detailed registration to avert violation of the Chinese Immigration law. The bond of 500 pesos may be furnished by the transportation company whose ticket the servant holds.

Heretofore, says a Manila paper, many tourists carrying Chinese servants have left Manila out of their itineraries on account of the harshness of our Chinese Immigration laws, and the new ruling will undoubtedly add much to the popularity of Manila as a stopping-off place for tourists in the Far East.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Apart from the weather, the only topic of conversation seems to be St. Andrew's Hall. The practices are more thorough than any yet held, and there are indications that many more will go up to the Strathpey this year than have ever done so before.

Hongkong is to be visited this winter by some notable stars of the musical world—Miss Marie Hall, the famous violinist; Miss Ellen Beach, the American soprano; and the latest announcement is that Madame Calvé, the well-known operatic singer, who is now in Ceylon, intends touring through India, China and Japan on her way to America to fulfil an engagement there in February.

Lady Lugard has lost no time in picking up the threads of local life which she dropped for a year or so while "wasting her time in England by being ill." Her address to the girls at the Diocesan School on Thursday was very helpful, and the words, as well as the charming personality of the speaker, must have made some impression on their youthful minds.

The opium tangle in Hongkong is not likely to be cleared by the latest magisterial decision on the subject. In this particular case the prosecution sought to establish that if in a restaurant a tariff for certain articles was imposed which entitled the patrons to afterwards smoke a pipe of opium, but his Worship held that it was not proved that such was the case, and defendants were accordingly dismissed. Another effort to clarify the procedure under the Opium Ordinance will have to be attempted.

When may a building be considered as erected? Not surely when it is commenced, and not, I should think, before it is finished. The P. W. D. seem to have other notions. Now that some of the scaffolding around the Law Courts is being cleared away I notice that over the principal entrance in bold lettering in cement it is recorded for the information of posterity that this building was "Erected A.D. 1910." Magnus est veritas, and it should prevail a bit. Another year should be added, or perhaps two, if Truth is to be associated with Justice.

Our Scouts are very independent. As is known, each quartette has to elect its own N.C.O., but one four has discovered a deadlock. You see, each man believes in electing himself to the position of honour. Three of this particular four, very particular four, have had some sort of experience in the Volunteers or Yeomanry, and this, they reckon, entitles them to the position. Where each considers himself as good as the other or even better, it is not easy to make a selection. The fourth man might be expected to have sided with one or other, but he apparently thinks that it is the habit for a man to elect himself there is no reason why he shouldn't. And there you are. The yarn may be exaggerated. It may not even be true. But those who know Hongkong men will know how to deal with the story.

Another good story about the military manoeuvres—Ahem!—carried out by the Volunteers and the Scouts relates to a yachting party which had sailed to the locality and proceeded to visit the camp, unaware of the fact that they were thereby committing a very grave offence. They had not got very far on the road when they fell into the hands of some of the terrible Volunteers, who without mercy held them prisoners and put them into the place euphemistically called "clink." There they remained until morning, by which time hostilities had ceased. Men could then become fraternal, and food and drink being given to the prisoners they betook themselves from the camp and vowed they would be careful when they decided to look up friends in camp again.

It looks as if we are likely to be talking politics again very soon. The British Government has decided on a dissolution, and the reform of the House of Lords, the Osborne judgment, payment of members of Parliament, and other topics about which men become excited will be brought along to warm the atmosphere. Fortunately we in Hongkong can keep aloof from all such strife and worry. Nothing matters, but the price of silver and the exchange rate of the dollar.

The impression commonly prevails that Canton and Hongkong are the only places in China where plague has prevailed until it made its appearance in Shanghai this year. But that is a mistaken idea. It has prevailed in many places in South China for years, but accurate statistics are not available and so one hears little about it. If it were possible to obtain accurate statistics, they would probably prove that Hongkong has not suffered to anything like the extent that other ports and cities in South China have done during the last fifteen years. In the last collection of Decennial Reports published by the Imperial Maritime Customs a good deal of information on this subject may be found. The Amoy report, for example, gave a Chinese doctor's estimate that 6,000 cases of plague occurred there, and a German missionary doctor gave reasons for his opinion that this estimate was too low. Hongkong this year has had but twenty-three cases, and I hope the other cities in which plague has seemed to be endemic have been equally free from the scourge.

RODRICK RANDOM.

THE GINSENG ROBBERY.

Ginseng to the value of \$14,500, alleged to have been stolen from a godown in Koo Ling Lane, was the subject of a charge preferred against a Chinese at the Magistrate on Saturday, who was accused of breaking and entering and stealing ginseng of the value stated. Mr. H. W. Slade, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Ewens & Harrison, prosecuted, and Mr. W. B. L. Shenton defended.

Mr. Slade said the godown from which the ginseng was stolen was undoubtedly broken into on the night of November 4th or early on the morning of the 5th. The ginseng was taken out of the receptacles in which it was kept and taken away loose. That same morning the prisoner came to the Hotel China with two other men. He spoke to the manager and said he wanted a room not for himself but for a friend. The friend was dressed in a long coat and he signed the book, and then these two and another went upstairs carrying several baskets and a large box. In a Chinese hotel meals were always served in the rooms of the residents. The room in this case was taken for one man only and he was served there in the morning, though the other men also remained there. Defendant left the hotel after the evening meal, but shortly afterwards he was arrested and taken back to the hotel and the room searched. In the room was found about half the quantity of ginseng which had been stolen within the previous twenty-four hours. This ginseng was of the same quality as that which had been stolen. Of course the receptacles not having been taken away, it was impossible to specifically identify this ginseng as that which had been stolen, but it was of the same quality and to all appearances was the same. Under these circumstances Mr. Slade submitted that the onus was thrown upon the defendant to account for possession of the stuff. When charged defendant said he had nothing to do with the case, but he merely pointed out the hotel to some strangers.

The godown-keeper gave evidence that the ginseng kept at the godown was American. On the night of the robbery witness slept in the godown, but he was not disturbed during his sleep. The stuff was stolen, but the wooden tubs in which it was kept were left.

The Chinese detective who arrested defendant said that prisoner when asked where the ginseng came from said he was told to carry it to the hotel by some others. On defendant witness found a big packing needle such as would be used in packing the baskets in which the ginseng was found. Witness asked defendant if he could find the other men and he said he could not.

The Chinese superintendent of the godown said the ginseng stolen was the same quality as that produced in Court. Its value was \$2,000 a pion.

Cross-examined—There were a number of other firms which sold ginseng in Hongkong. So there would be large quantities of ginseng in the Colony other than in your godowns?—Yes.

A great deal of it?—Whether there is much or not I do not know. I have to look after my own business.

I suppose you have seen ginseng of the same quality as this in other places in the Colony?—No, I have only seen ours.

Another witness said the man who came to the hotel was "several per cents" like the prisoner.

His Worship—How many?

Mr. Shenton—You cannot say definitely that this is the man?

Witness—No doubt he is the man.

Mr. Shenton—If it was a question of having his head cut off would you say he was the man?

His Worship—He does not say he is the man.

Mr. Shenton—Very well; if your Worship is satisfied.

After further evidence, Mr. Shenton contended that the property in dispute had not been sufficiently identified. There was nothing unusual in the carrying of ginseng about in loose bulk. A mere suspicion was not sufficient when a man was on trial. The burden of proof was on the prosecution and he submitted they had failed to make out a *prima facie* case. It had been proved that the firm from which this ginseng was stolen sold the stuff to other firms in the Colony, and it might very well belong to one of these firms. In the chain of evidence of the prosecution there were fully half a dozen links missing.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday, when his Worship will decide if the case shall continue.

SHIPPING RETURNS OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

During the fiscal year just past, the entire commercial intercourse with other countries to all ports of the Philippines was effected by 862 steamships and 872 clearances of vessels, representing an aggregate movement of 3,378,952 registered tons, as compared with 764 clearances and 750 clearances, representing an aggregate tonnage of 2,802,893 registered tons for the previous year, showing an increase of 576,059 registered tons. The value of the inward and outward cargoes amounted to \$76,948,777, the greater part of which, that is to say, 75 per cent., was carried by vessels flying the British flag, 9 per cent. by Spanish vessels, 6 per cent. by German, 5 per cent. by American, and 3 per cent. by Japanese vessels. Considering the fact that the value of the products shipped to and from Great Britain amounted to \$11,570,570, or 15 per cent. of the total, and that the value of the products shipped to and from the United States amounted to \$29,527,549, or 38 per cent. of the total import and export trade, it will be seen that United States vessels are not carrying nearly as much of the foreign trade as they should. However, it is very encouraging to note, says a Manila contemporary, that while the preceding year only four-fifths of 1 per cent. of the total foreign trade was carried in United States vessels, during the year under consideration they carried 5 per cent. of this trade.

LOCAL SPORT.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

LEAGUE CRICKET.			
Kowloon	177	R.E. & Depts	99
Craigongower	99	R.G.A.	144
Civil Service	114	Remnants	67

OTHER CRICKET.			
H.K.C.C. Married	119	H.K.C.C. Single	183
(6 wickets)			

LEAGUE FOOTBALL.			
R.E.	5	H.F.C.	1
Kowloon	0	Bufs	2

Second Division.			
Police	6	B.O.C.	1

LEAGUE CRICKET.			
KOWLOON V. B.U.F.			

This match was played at King's Park on Saturday afternoon and resulted in a comfortable win for the visitors, largely through the good batting of Lieut. Williams who made 73 before he was caught by Weaver. Scores:

R.E. and DEPARTMENTALS.			
Lt. Williams, c Weaver, b Curwen	73		
Corpl. McGregor, c Brett, b Curwen	33		
Corpl. Ball, b Curwen	23		
Rev. Foster Pegg, not out	12		
W. F. Weaver, c Addison, b Foster Pegg	9		
S. M. Matthews, c Banbury, b Weaver	9		
Corpl. Taverne, not out	16		
Corpl. Campbell, c M.S. Davies, did not bat	9		
Extras	9		
Total	177		

BOWLING ANALYSIS.			
J. H. Mead, c Smith, b Addison	10		
R. Sutton, c and b Addison	4		
A. R. F. Haven, b Foster Pegg	11		
Lt. Haughton, b Foster Pegg	17		
W. F. Brown, c Addison, b Foster Pegg	0		
W. Weaver, c Addison, b Foster Pegg	0		
Lt. Banbury, b Taverne	29		
J. P. Robinson, c and b Foster Pegg	2		
Dr. F. J. Rome, b Taverne	17		
L. P. Brett, not out	0		
W. Curwen, b Taverne	6		
Extras	2		
Total	99		

Bowling Analysis.			
Corpl. Addison	7	0	2
Rev. Foster Pegg	10	1	33
Corpl. Taverne	7	4	5
Corpl. McGregor	2	0	7
Curwen	1	0	12
Campion	1	1	0

C.C.C. V. R.G.A.			
This League match was played on Saturday and resulted in a win for the visitors. Scores:—			

C.C.C.			
J. E. Lammert, c Goodall, b Bagnall	6		
R. F. Foston, b Bagnall	10		
R. A. Carrivale, b Bagnall	14		
E. H. Bragg, c Fitzgerald, b Bagnall	9		
H. L. Taylor, b Bagnall	15		
J. Y. Bragg, b Goodall	15		
J. D. Norris, c and b Bagnall	4		
W. H. Vives, c and b Bagnall	7		
L. A. Ross, c Bagnall, b Bagnall	7		
R. Goodall, b Bagnall	1		
H. Repp, not out	1		
Extras	15		
Total	99		

Bowling Analysis.			
Bagnall	12	1	45
W. Goodall	2	0	13
Goodall	3	0	9
Goodall	4	1	10
Paris	1	0	5

R.G.A.			
Capt. Chapman, c and b J. V. Bragg	60		
Lt. Paris, b Lammert	7		
Capt. Garnett, b Lammert	7		
Lt. Bagnall, b Lammert	14		
Garnett, c Goodall, b Bagnall	4		
Lt. Tholomae, c Taylor, b Bagnall	4		
Gr. Swarth, retired	12		
Br. Windkorth, not out	12		
Gr. Brannigan, b Vives	8		
Gr. Fitzgerald, c Vives, b Bragg	10		
Gr. Goodall, b Bagnall	1		
Gr. Jones, b Pestonji	1		
Extras	18		
Total	144		

Bowling Analysis.			
Lammert	10	8	21
Pestonji	12	1	47
Currie	4	2	22
Taylor	3	2	8
J. Bragg	3	1	30

OTHER CRICKET.

The afternoon on the Cricket Club ground was devoted to a match between the married and unmarried players. The Benedicts did not make a brilliant stand, G. A. Hastings was out, and A. E. Fowler with 21 being the highest scorers. On the other side Turner carried his bat out for 74, and Dashedwood with 44 ran up the total for the single men, who declared at 183 for four wickets against an aggregate of 119. Scores:

MARRIED.			
T. G. Pearce, run out	5		
R. Hancock, c Leith, b Sharp	21		
A. E. Fowler, c Sharp, b Leith	21		
H. Hancock, c Claxton, b Sharp	26		
G. A. Hastings, b Leith	10		
Co. Stacpole, c Sharp, b Leith	2		
W. G. Bonner, b Sharp	2		
Dr. Atkinson, b Appleford	18		
J. C. Saunders, c Aubrey, b Sharp	18		
Rogers, b Turner	8		
Rogers, b Turner	8		
B. E. Long, not out	1		
Extras	3		
Total	119		

Bowling Analysis.			
Leith	5	0	18
Sharp	5	0	18
Claxton	12	5	18
Appleford	11	2	29
Turner	6	0	5

A. C. E. ELBOROUGH, c Rogers, b R. Hancock			
A. A. Claxton, c Atkinson, b R. Hancock	11		
A. P. Dashedwood, b Saunders	14		
Wickham, c Hancock, b Pearce	3		
W. C. D. Turner, not out	74		
H. D. Sharp, not out	25		
A. Appleford, c G. E. Aubrey, b J. Atkinson	1		
A. C. E. Leith and E. P. Chapman did not bat.			
Extras	12		
Total	183		

Bowling Analysis.			
R. Hancock	11	1	50
Pearce	4	0	32
Fowler	4	0	32
Saunders	4	0	34
Long	2	0	21

FOOTBALL.

This League match was played on the Military Ground at the Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon and resulted in a substantial win for the military men. In the first half matters were fairly even, and as the teams finished at half-time with the score standing one goal each. In the second half the Club fell away and the Sappers piled on four goals and ran out winners by five to one.

KOWLOON V. BUFES.

A good game was witnessed between these teams on Saturday afternoon at King's Park. The soldiers, as was expected, won, but the Kowloon men made a very good show. Score: Bufs, 2 goals; Kowloon, 0.

Second Division.

The Police and the B.O.C. met in the third round of the second division of the League on Saturday afternoon. The game, however, did not prove so close a contest as was expected and the B.O.C. won by six goals to one.

The table now stands:										
P.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.	Pts.				
Bufs	7	6	1	0	22	3	13			
R.E.	5	2	2	1	12	8	6			
R.G.A.	4	2	2	0	5	7	5			
Naval Yard	4	1	0	3	4	8	2			
Hongkong	4	0	1	3	3	11	1			
Kowloon	4	0	1	3	3	12	1			

THE BUFES GYMKHANA.

Lieut. Colonel Bayard and the officers of the Bufs issued invitations to a gymkhana which was held, by kind permission of the members of the Hongkong Polo Club, on the Polo Ground at Causeway Bay on Saturday afternoon. A general response was forthcoming, and a large attendance of ladies and gentlemen assembled to witness the interesting series of events and to partake of the hospitality of the hosts. H.E. the Governor and Lady Lugard were present, and were heartily welcomed. The programme comprised seven events, in four of which ladies participated, and they proved most entertaining. The Hon. P. G. Scarlett was in charge of the arrangements, which were carried out admirably, and the selections rendered by the regimental band under Bandmaster Howitt added to the pleasures of the afternoon. Details are appended:—

1.—BENDING RACE.—Two men, one open to Ladies and one to Gentlemen. In heats of four. A race in and out of posts, placed in four lines, 9 yds. apart.

Ladies.		Gentlemen.	
First Heat—		First Heat—	
Mrs. Kirke	1	Mrs. Kirke	1
Mrs. Ross	2	Mrs. Ross	2
Miss Humphreys	3	Miss Hutton Potts	3
Second Heat—		Second Heat—	
Miss Wilkinson	1	Miss Wilkinson	1
Miss Hutton Potts	2	Miss Wilkinson	2
Final—		Final—	
Mrs. Kirke	1	Mrs. Kirke	1
Mrs. Ross	2	Mrs. Ross	2
Miss Wilkinson	3	Miss Wilkinson	3

Ladies.		Gentlemen.	
First Heat—		First Heat—	
Capt. Brerley	1	Capt. Brerley	1
Mr. Lawler	2	Mr. Lawler	2
Mr. Aston, R. E.	3	Mr. Aston, R. E.	3
Second Heat—		Second Heat—	
Mr. Ross	1	Mr. Ross	1
Mr. Ball Irving	2	Mr. Ball Irving	2
Mr. Dowbiggin	3	Mr. Dowbiggin	3
Third Heat—		Third Heat—	
Mr. Beise	1	Mr. Beise	1
Mr. Blason	2	Mr. Blason	2
Mr. Hill	3	Mr. Hill	3
Mr. Ravenhill	4	Mr. Ravenhill	4
Final—		Final—	
Mr. Ross	1	Mr. Ross	1
Mr. Blason	2	Mr. Blason	2

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Ladies.		Gentlemen.	
First Heat—		First Heat—	
Miss Wilkinson	1	Miss Wilkinson	1
Miss Wilkinson	2	Miss Wilkinson	2
Miss Wilkinson	3	Miss Wilkinson	3
Second Heat—		Second Heat—	
Mr. Lawler	1	Mr. Lawler	1
Mr. Lawler	2	Mr. Lawler	2
Mr. Lawler	3	Mr. Lawler	3
Final—		Final—	
Mr. Lawler	1	Mr. Lawler	1
Mr. Lawler	2	Mr. Lawler	2
Mr. Lawler	3	Mr. Lawler	3

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N. J. STABB, Acting Chief Manager. Hongkong, 16th July, 1910. [19]

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C. WOLDBRINGH, Manager, No. 16, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong, 4th August, 1909. [1222]

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D. TONHOW, Manager. Hongkong, 12th September, 1910. [1233]

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N. S. MARSHALL, Manager, No. 9, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong, 17th August, 1910. [1204]

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A. KOHN, Manager. Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. [22]

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RESERVE FUND ... 285,000

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EVAN ORRISTON, Manager. Hongkong, 26th April, 1910. [21]

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TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager. Hongkong, 26th September, 1910. [393]

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The N.Y.K. str. *Yacata Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Manila on the 10th instant, and is expected here to-day.

The E. & A. str. *Eastern* left Sydney on the 10th inst. for Queenland, P.O., and this port.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M.M. str. *Polynesie*, with the French Mail of the 23rd ultimo, and mails from London of the 22nd ultimo, left Saigon on the 19th instant, at 2 a.m., and is expected to arrive here to-day afternoon.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The Indo-China str. *Kunawag* from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 17th inst.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P. M. S.S. Co. str. *Mongolia* sailed from Yokohama on the 15th instant on route to Hongkong, and is due to arrive at this port on the 25th instant.

The P. M. S.S. Co. str. *Korea* sailed from San Francisco on the 8th instant en route to Hongkong, via Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai, and Manila, and is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 11th prox.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.
The C.P.R. Co. str. *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver on the 11th instant a.m. for Hongkong via usual ports of call.

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The O.S.K. str. *Tacoma Maru* from Tacoma left Manila on the 18th instant for this port, and is expected to arrive here to-day.

The H.A. Line str. *Arabia* left Singapore on the 13th instant p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The H.A. Line str. *Senegambia* left Tientsin on the 16th inst. p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kamo Maru* (European Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 18th instant, and is expected here to-day.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kumano Maru* (Australian Line) left Nagasaki for this port on the 18th instant, and is expected here to-morrow.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kakata Maru* (Bomby Line) left Singapore for this port on the 16th instant, and is expected here to-morrow.

The "Shire" Line str. *Desbryshire* left Singapore for Hongkong on the 16th instant morning.

The "Ben" Line str. *Benary* from Antwerp, Leith, Middlesbrough and London, left Singapore on the 17th instant for this port.

The N.Y.K. str. *Kaga Maru* (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 18th instant, and is expected here on the 23rd instant.

The Barber Line str. *Shimosa* passed Suez on the 1st instant, and is due here about the 27th instant.

The N.Y.K. str. *Aus Maru* (American Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 18th instant, and is expected here on the 27th instant.

The O.S.K. str. *Panama Maru* from Tacoma, arrived at Yokohama on the 15th instant, and sailed from there on the 18th inst. for this port via Kobe and Shanghai, and is expected to arrive here on or about the 1st prox.

The T.K.K. str. *Hongkong Maru* left Honolulu on the 2nd instant for this port, via usual ports of call, and is expected to arrive here on the 5th prox.

The O.S.K. str. *Seattle Maru* left Tacoma for this port via Japan and Manila on the 12th instant, and is due here on the 18th prox.

A PRIESTESS OF VESTA.

BY CHAS. J. H. MALCOMBE.

It was in the early summer of A.D. 256, when one morning a long galley, from each side of which flashed some fifteen oars, entered a secluded bay on the northern coast of Sicily and came to an anchorage within wading distance of the shore.

For some days it had been blowing heavily in the Mediterranean, and those aboard the vessel were worn out with exposure and privation, having run short of provisions through being driven far out of their course.

In the stern of the galley sat Prince Widimir, of the Ostrogoths, and of the royal line of the Amali. Though a mere youth, he had already conquered and sacked many a fair city of Italy; and the jewelled brooch which fastened his beard-fur cloak was worth a King's ransom.

But the storm had scattered his fleet and separated him from his warlike countrymen; and, after running before the gale for two days, he had at length found a safe harbour of refuge.

"By all the Valkyrs, this is a fair country!" he exclaimed, looking around upon the woody heights and the luxuriant vegetation which fringed the shore. "I will go and see if the place is inhabited. If you hear my call, come like wolves and warriors of Goths; if not, remain here."

Snatching up his javelin, the young man was carried ashore on the back of a stalwart slave, and was soon lost to their view in the thick undergrowth.

He passed through a dense wood, and on emerging from it found himself in a small though fertile valley in which sheep and goats were grazing; but at a little distance to the right of him—nestling beneath an overhanging cliff and approached by a broad flight of marble steps—stood a magnificent Roman villa.

Gladdened by the sight, he turned his steps in that direction, singing gaily as he went. He had not proceeded far, however, when he saw a hunchbacked negro, with a hideous face, squatting in the grass and gathering herbs.

As the young Goth paused near him, the man stood up, with a bunch of herbs in his hand, and regarded him with insolent surprise.

"Who lives in yonder house?" asked Widimir, speaking in Italian.

"A praetor and citizen of Rome," growled the hunchback, "and my master."

"Then go tell your master that Widimir the Ostrogoth, Son of Odin and prince of Pannonia, seeks his hospitality."

"Does he?" snarled the hunchback, regarding the youthful, well-knit form of the stranger with a grin of contempt; "then let me tell him that Dion Maximus the praetor does not entertain barbarians."

"Dog of Erebus!" cried Widimir, striding towards him, "we will see about that."

The hunchback was a powerful man, yet he was no match for the young Gothic warrior. The latter lifted him up as if he had been a mere child, and shaking him until his teeth rattled, slung him over his shoulder and in spite of his cries and struggles bore him away towards the villa.

The yells of the unfortunate man were heard by at least one person; for as Widimir passed through a beautiful garden, adorned with choice flowers and statuary, and approached the house, he saw a young girl, attired in a white stole bordered with purple, standing between the pillars of the peristyle.

She stood mute and motionless, as though spell-bound with wonder at seeing so youthful a form triumphantly bearing the redoubtable hunchback towards her; for now, as the latter was called, was the praetor's favorite slave and was the terror of the neighbourhood.

Striding lightly up the steps, Widimir sent his burden sprawling almost at her feet, the precious herbs being scattered all over the marble pavement. Then shaking his long golden curls back from his shoulders, the visitor bowed low to the damsel, whose dark velvety eyes were fixed upon him with a look of grave surprise and inquiry.

"Fair lady, I come in peace," he said courteously; "but this varlet's tongue seems longer than his body. So I have brought him hither with me for correction."

The hunchback slowly rose to his feet and muttering, incoherently snatched up some of his herbs and slunk away, followed by the scornful glances of his young mistress, who, however, had not yet recovered sufficiently from her surprise to find words. But she was struck with the handsome face and manly bearing of the young Goth; while he was equally impressed with her many charms, for Lucina Maximus—such being her name—was celebrated, even in Rome, for her grace and beauty.

He again spoke, and, asking pardon for his intrusion, briefly explained the object of his visit.

"My father," responded Lucina, "is at present absent on a visit to the Governor of Catania. But it shall never be said that the daughter of Dion Maximus refused to a stranger the hospitality which we Romans hold as a sacred duty and privilege. Therefore, you and your men are welcome to sojourn here until you are ready to resume your voyage."

"Believe me, fair lady," said Widimir, with a courtly bow, "I feel truly grateful to you for your generous reception. I will convey the good tidings to my followers."

While Lucina busied herself in giving instructions to the slaves of the household and in seeing that the *hospitalia*, or guest-chambers, were prepared, the young warrior returned to the galley, and having related his adventure spoke in glowing terms of the beautiful daughter of Maximus the praetor.

"As true Ostrogoths, and Sons of Odin," he concluded, "show all reverence to this gentle damsel, for she is as fair and gracious as an Alana maid."

The vessel was hauled up on the sandy beach, and her crew—numbering fifty-two men—followed Widimir to the villa, where they were received with every kindness. Even the galley-slaves finding good food and shelter provided for them. Widimir himself reclined at the table of his youthful hostess, whose many charms had already captivated him; while his hardy warriors feasted and fraternized with the upper servants, paying especial attention to the female slaves, who greatly admired these fair-haired giants of the North who wore so generous with their money and their jewels, and so boisterously mirthful; indeed, the stately tranquillity of that country residence was considerably disturbed by the arrival of the Ulysses and his crew.

During the first day Widimir saw very little of the beautiful Lucina, except at meals, and then she seemed shy and reserved; but his every want had been anticipated by her kindly forethought, and his apartments overlooked the gardens which surrounded the house. That night, long after the household had retired to rest, he sat at the window of his sleeping-chamber, and while gazing upon a moonlit scene of surpassing beauty, thought of Lucina Maximus.

"By Valhalla!" he soliloquized aloud, "she is the sweetest and loveliest creature I have ever seen! She is an angel of light! Oh, that I could win her for my wife! For her dear sake I would conquer the world and lay it at her feet—or die in the attempt!"

At this moment his reverie was broken by a fierce, mocking laugh—a strange, unearthly laugh, which seemed to proceed from beneath the window. Looking down, he saw the hideous form of the hunchback disappear round a corner of the building.

"That is an evil wretch," he muttered, rising and repairing to his couch; "and he means mischief."

Next morning he was unusually about his toilet, especially as to his hair, of which he was somewhat vain. He placed his quilted leather cuirass, he wore a richly embroidered doublet and a cloak of crimson velvet lined with brocaded silk and clasped with jewels. He found Lucina awaiting him in the *bidinaria*; and she looked radiantly beautiful in a spotless gown of white silk and a golden necklace set with pearls. His gaze was one of simple adoration.

"Think me not presumptuous in saying it," said this gallant admirer, "but you dazzle my eyes, which are unaccustomed to so much loveliness. Indeed I mean what I say," he added frankly, as she held up her hands in blushing protest. "I have not slept for thinking of you."

As far as he was concerned, the truth was told, and he breathed more freely for it; nor could he be angry with him for this innocent confession—he was so candid and so sincere.

The ice was broken; and the danger was imminent, both being young and romantic and both endowed with more than ordinary personal attractions. Moreover, he was a hero, in her eyes, and those fierce Goths of his loved him with a great love and told wondrous tales of his daring deeds. So she for gave him his impertinence and secretly admired him for his pluck.

After the meal, they went out into the grounds together. It was glorious weather, and they wandered on through the dreamy stillness and sunshine of an Italian summer, their minds full of romantic fancies and their hearts full of vague hopes and happiness. Leaving the gardens, they ascended the hill at the back of the villa, and suddenly Widimir beheld a scene which caused him to start and pause with surprise.

Nestling below them, in a snug bay sheltered from the North-Easterly and Easterly winds by a crescent-shaped promontory, was a small town and a seaport in which several merchant vessels and fishing-boats were anchored; and from the midst of the town rose two beautiful temples dedicated to the worship of Vesta and Neptune.

"I had no idea," remarked Widimir, "that we were so close to seaport: it quite escaped the notice of my master-mariner and myself when approaching the island."

"But had I seen it," he added, lowering his voice and glancing with fond admiration at his companion, "probably I should never have met you."

The colour mounted swiftly to Lucina's face, but she checked the subject by alluding to the untroubled tranquillity of the sea—for the storm had passed away, leaving a dead calm.

"It is very bright and lovely," he murmured with an audible sigh, as they strolled on round the crest of the hill; "but I shall soon have to go away—perhaps never to return—perhaps never to see you again. Away back to the world and to wars and wrongs—to fight my way forward in the footsteps of my forefathers until I am lost in the far twilight of Asgard, the city of the gods. But I shall never forget!"

"Don't speak like that," she faltered, as they turned and retraced their steps; and he noticed that she was strangely agitated and thoughtful,

and did not seem inclined for further conversation; indeed, she hastened her steps.

So they relapsed into silence, which remained unbroken until the villa was reached. She then went indoors; while he accompanied two of his men down to the beach to see that the galley was safe. He felt hurt that Lucina had not extended the walk or given him some kindly word of encouragement; and being untutored in the gentler passions, he put a wrong construction upon her sudden silence and reserve.

When they met again, it was at the evening meal. She had now recovered her usual cheerfulness, but it was at times marred by an air of timid restraint which ill-suited her; while he—quick to mark this sudden change in her manner—was grave, dignified and resentful, and soon brought the meal to a climax by thanking her for her kind hospitality and expressing his intention of leaving on the morrow. He had already ordered his master-mariner to purchase the necessary provisions in the town and make ready to leave.

"To-morrow!" she exclaimed, with a little gasp, rising from her seat and turning deathly pale.

"Do you not want me to go?" he asked, in a hushed earnest voice, as they passed out of the room into the rich evening twilight.

"Do I not want you to go?" she repeated in a quivering whisper, as though speaking to herself.

He saw her distress and gently taking her hand walked on with her through the stillness. The tears were welling up into her eyes, but she did not try to remove them. And his heart was far too full for words; he could only hold her hand the tighter, and remain silent beneath this spell of ecstasy, the like of which he had never known before.

Presently they came to some rising ground which overlooked that part of the shore where the galley was beached; and, either by chance or she led him into a secluded arbour

covered with white roses and which overlooked the calm waters of the small bay.

"This is my secret bower," she said, seating herself upon a mossy bank and nervously picking the wild flowers within her reach.

Casting himself down at her feet, he rested upon his elbow; and his head just touched her silken gown.

"Yes," he mused with man's selfish exulting love which drags the fond heart, when surrounded through an ordeal of emotion, "this is the brief dream of a lifetime, since futurity will never efface it from my memory nor bring it back again. With one fair image treasured in my heart and blinding my vision with the remembrance of its beauty, I shall fare forth alone to meet my fate—to launch out upon the ocean, and sail onward and onward through the chanceless years to that far haven where the soul finds refuge and the lost are found."

"Will you never come back?" she asked with sweet coyness, her hand secretly toying with his hair, and a tear trembling upon her eyelids.

He glanced up, and, seeing her brush the tell-tale tear away, took one of her hands into his and silently pressed it to his lips. Neither of them spoke for a minute or two. Then he again looked up into her face.

"Lucina," he said in a voice full of passionate fervour, "I love you as man can only love but once—love you better than my own life. Do you love me? We two are alone, perhaps for the last time—sundered from the world as it were, with heaven above us and the brooding stillness around and the silent sea as our witness—tell me, fair one, do you love me? Speak Lucina, and tell me."

She bent over him until her face almost touched his, and he felt a trembling hand laid caressingly upon his head. At the same time a nightingale in an adjacent thicket commenced singing in a soft melodious voice.

"Impetritum, inagratum est," breathed Lucina, bending closer to that handsome face upon which a ray of moonlight was playing.

With a low murmur of rapture, he drew her down to him and kissed her brow.

At that moment a shrill demoniacal laugh—such mocking laugh Widimir had heard before—smote upon the solemn stillness of evening and broke the spell. The sound seemed to proceed from the dense undergrowth at the back of the arbour.

Springing to their feet, they regarded one another inquiringly. Then drawing his dagger, Widimir dashed into the bushes, but was only in time to see a dark form speeding away through the deepening gloom.

"That hunchbacked negro has been watching us!" he exclaimed with fierce indignation as he rejoined Lucina. "I will teach the varlet a lesson yet. Does your father permit his guests to be insulted in this manner by a low brute of a savage like that?"

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KROONGWAI, German str., 1,117, Joh. Kohler, 7th Nov.—Bangkok 29th October, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.

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LARSEN, British str., 2,904, Taylor, 18th Nov.—Shanghai 14th November, General—Butterfield & Swire.

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TAIWAN, British str., 1,024, Jenkins, 9th Nov.—Port Louis, General—Chinese.

WAISHING, British str., 1,170, G. L. Hohnwood, 15th Nov.—Wuhu 9th Nov., Rice—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

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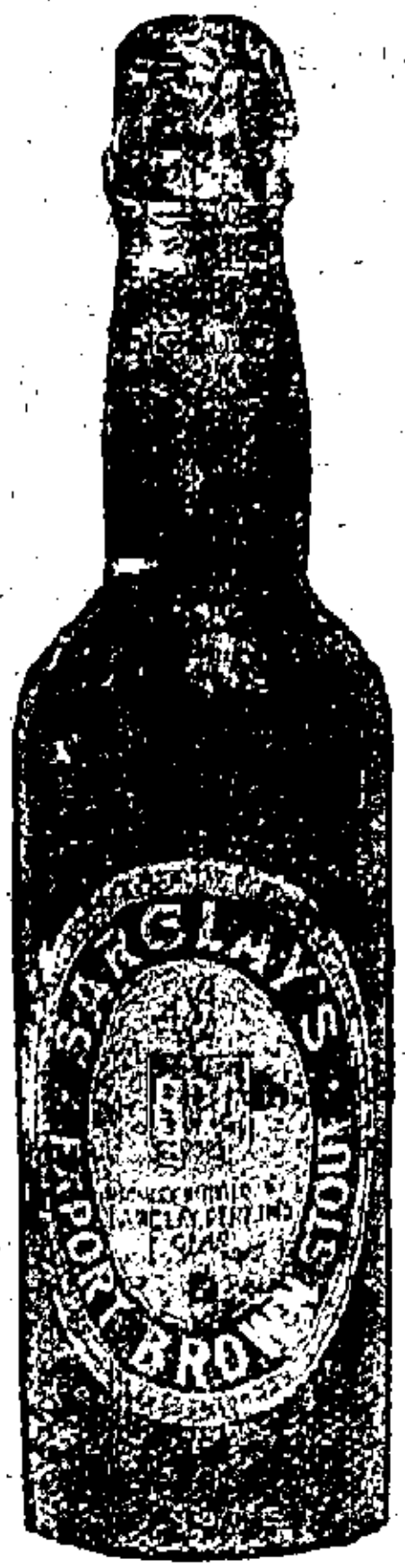
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HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
Mon. 11	5.10	Mon. 11	1.10
Tues. 12	5.15	Tues. 12	1.15
Wed. 13	5.20	Wed. 13	1.20
Thurs. 14	5.25	Thurs. 14	1.25
Fri. 15	5.30	Fri. 15	1.30
Sat. 16	5.35	Sat. 16	1.35
Sun. 17	5.40	Sun. 17	1.40

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL.

REGISTERED.

Hongkong Observatory, Nov. 21st, 1910.

Previous Day	On Date	On Date
at 4 p.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 4 p.m.
Barometer	30.17	30.21
Temperature	65	69
Humidity	40	53
Wind Direction	North	East
Force	1	1
Weather	Clear	Clear
Rain	0	0

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Per *Hongkong*, from Shanghai, A.C. Capt. A. H. Alcock and Mr. J. White.
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A PRIESTESS OF VESTA.

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"Certainly not!" she replied, becoming very nervous and agitated. "But are you sure that it was he?"

"I am positive of it," he replied, as they left the house and walked homewards; and as they went she unburdened her heart and told him that her father had several times expressed a wish that she should marry one Julius Antistius, a Roman senator of great possessions.

"Do you care for him?" asked Widimir, narrowly studying her face.

"Care for him, no!" she answered, a pretty smile of scorn curling her lip; "he is a top—a cicisbeo!"

On approaching the house, it became evident to them that something had happened during their absence, since people and lights were flitting to and fro with unusual bustle.

"My father has returned!" exclaimed Lucina, her smile fading and her face becoming grave and pallid.

"Never fear, dear," said his companion, gently pressing her trembling hand, "it will be all right. I will see your father."

At that moment the object of their thoughts appeared at the head of the steps leading to the entrance, accompanied by his six lieutenants, while several slaves hovered in the background.

As Widimir ascended the steps with Lucina, his indignation was no great against the hunchback that he debated with himself as to whether he should first demand the life of the offender or the hand of the praetor's daughter.

But his deliberations were cut short by a cynical, cultured voice.

"I am sure, sir," said the praetor, "that my daughter must be greatly beholden to you for having so courteously noted the part of a citizen to her during my absence. Indeed, you have placed us both under an obligation which I am most desirous of discharging, if I can be of any service to you."

"Not so, your Excellency," replied Widimir with a courtly bow. "I am greatly beholden both to you and your daughter for the generous hospitality extended to me and my men at a time of emergency. But I would crave a private interview with you, if it be convenient to you to grant me this favour."

With a condescending inclination of the head and a glance of stern displeasure at his daughter, Dion Maximus led the way into the *atrium*. Widimir at once explained the circumstances of his visit and in a manly straightforward manner advanced his suit for the hand of the beautiful Lucina.

When the wily praetor heard the dread names of Widimir, Theodorus and Widimir, he looked at the fair and handsome youth before him and wondered whether he were indeed one of that famous and much feared trio, and he regarded him with distrust and as a possible spy. Even supposing his story were true, Rome was still powerful and defiant, and he had no intention of allowing his daughter to marry a Goth—a barbarian. But he was too well-bred and diplomatic to say so. Smiling blandly, he remarked that their friendship was so spontaneous as to leave no doubt in his mind as to its depth and sincerity, but that she was far too young to contemplate matrimonial ties to justify his consent to any engagement. Widimir was not to be put off so easily, and he pressed his claim with such force and eloquence that at length the praetor coldly informed him that he must be content to wait for two years. If at the expiration of that time Lucina had not changed her mind, no further obstacle would be placed in their way.

Widimir was obliged to abide by and acknowledge the justice of these conditions, though he did so with some misgivings as to the good faith and integrity of the proud patrician. Moreover, he could see that his presence at the villa was viewed with disfavour by him; so as it was now time to retire for the night, he again thanked him for his hospitality and expressed his intention of leaving on the morrow. The praetor's manner at once changed to one of affable condescension, and he invited his distinguished guest to drink a cup of wine with him. After this, they exchanged formal compliments and retired to their respective apartments.

Next morning, to Widimir's chagrin, his breakfast was served in his own rooms. This, however, was no breach of etiquette, being a custom common among the Romans; but no doubt the arrangement had been made to preclude the possibility of the lovers again meeting.

On descending to take his departure he found Dion Maximus awaiting him alone in the vestibule. With pantheistic ceremony, and without alluding to the conversation of the previous night, they took leave of one another, and Widimir at once left the house and made his way down to the beach, his men having already gone aboard the galley. Now and again he looked back to see if he could catch a glimpse of Lucina, but no one was visible, and with a heart filled with gloomy forebodings he finally passed out of sight of the villa and entered the belt of vegetation which fringed the shore. As he emerged from it and came in view of his vessel, he suddenly paused and listened. He fancied he heard Lucina's voice. Moving a little to the left, he looked up and saw her standing in her bower and beckoning to him. In a moment he was at her side.

"Brave heart!" he exclaimed with joy, clasping her to him. "So you have come, bless you, to say good-bye. But why not come with me now—surely you cannot miss me?"

"Yes," she responded nervously, "but we should be overtaken—I am watched even now."

"Oh, be true and be brave, loved one!" he said seriously.

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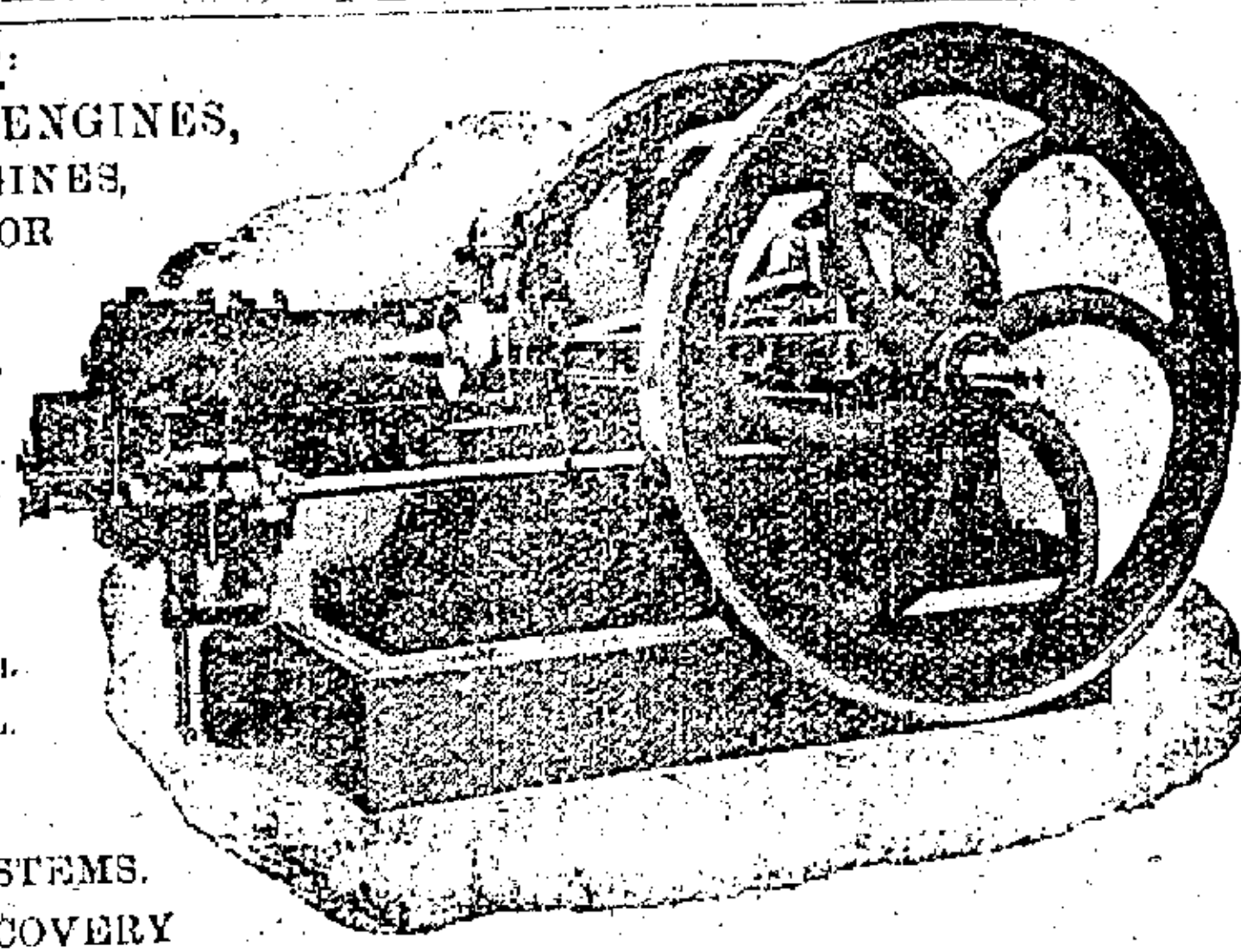
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	SOMALI	4 P.M., 21st Nov.	Freight and Passage.
	Capt. A. G. Oublet, R.N.R.		
SHANGHAI	ASSAYE	About 25th Nov.	Freight and Passage.
	Capt. Owen Jones, R.N.R.		
LONDON via Usual Ports	DELTA	Noon, 26th Nov.	See Special of Call.
	Capt. B. W. H. Snow		
LONDON and ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	NAMUR	About 30th Nov.	Freight and Passage.
	Capt. H. W. Konrick, R.N.R.		

For Further Particulars, apply to

E. HEWETT,
Superintendent

Hongkong, 21st November, 1910

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA & ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	On 22nd Nov., 4 P.M.
HAIPHONG	"CHIHLY"	On 23rd Nov., 10 A.M.
TSINGTAI & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 23rd Nov., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 24th Nov., 4 P.M.
ILOILO & OEBU	"SUNGKIANG"	On 26th Nov., 4 P.M.

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Hongkong, 21st November, 1910

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.**INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LD.**

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOJI	"NAMSANG"	Tuesday, 22nd Nov., Noon.
TIENTSIN	"CHIPSING"	Tuesday, 22nd Nov., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"WAISHING"	Tuesday, 22nd Nov., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Wednesday, 23rd Nov., Noon.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"FOOKSANG"	Wednesday, 23rd Nov., Noon.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Saturday, 26th Nov., Noon.
MANILA	"TUENSANG"	Saturday, 3rd Dec., Noon.

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Hongkong, 21st November, 1910.

SWEDISH EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

GOTHENBURG.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

DESTINATION.	STEAMERS.	DATE OF SAILING.
COPENHAGEN	"PEKING"	On 25th November.
MARSEILLES & COPENHAGEN	"CANTON"	On 10th December.

For Freight and Further Particulars, apply to

TELEPHONE No. 171.

OLOF WIK & CO., CHINA AGENCIES, AKTIEBOLAG.

Hongkong, 2nd November, 1910.

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FOR
SWATOW. AMOY AND FOCHOW
AND RETURN.

Occupying 9 to 10 Days.

STEAMSHIPS	CAPTAIN	LEAVING.
"HAITAN"	Capt. J. W. Evans	TUESDAY, 22nd Nov., at 11 A.M.
"HAIYANG"	Capt. A. E. Hodgins	FRIDAY, 25th Nov., at 11 A.M.
"HAIHING"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	TUESDAY, 29th Nov., at 11 A.M.

FOR SWATOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 3 Days).

STEAMSHIPS	CAPTAIN	LEAVING.
"HAIMUN"	Capt. A. H. Stewart	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Nov., at 11 A.M.
		SUNDAY, 27th Nov., at 11 A.M.

Steamers will arrive at and Depart from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

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GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 21st November, 1910.

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RUSSIAN EAST ASIATIC CO., LD.,

ST. PETERSBURG & VLADIVOSTOCK

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"SLAM"	On 6th December.

For Further Particulars apply to

MELOCHERS & CO.,

Hongkong, 25th October 1910

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR

CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO, ETC., VIA MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, MANZANILLO AND SALINA CRUZ (Mexico).

S.S. HONGKONG MARU	11,000 tons gross	Sail Dec. 21st, 1910.
S.S. KIYO MARU	11,200 "	" Feb. 18th, 1911.
S.S. BUTO MARU	10,500 "	" April 19th, 1911.

For particulars apply to

N. YAMADA, Acting Manager.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA, King's Building.

Hongkong, 7th November, 1910.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR SERVICES, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(Subject to Alteration.)

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FOR	STEAMERS	Tons (Gross reg.)	LEAVES.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"TACOMA MARU"	6,178	WEDNESDAY, 30th Nov., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & TACOMA via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"PANAMA MARU"	6,059	TUESDAY, 13th Dec., at Noon.

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FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVES.
TAKAO (DIRECT)	"SHIBETORO MARU"	TUESDAY, 22nd Nov., at Daylight.
ANPING via SWATOW & AMOY	"SOSHU MARU"	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Nov., at 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW	"CHOSHUN MARU"	THURSDAY, 24th Nov., at 8 A.M.

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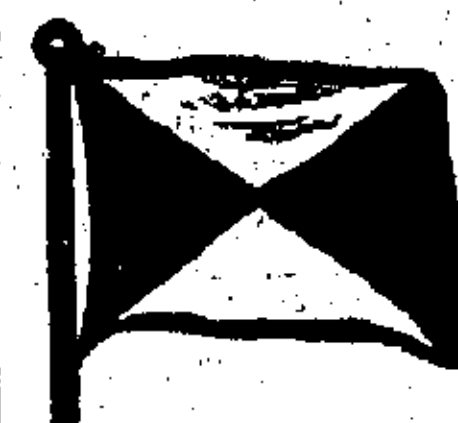
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STEAMSHIP	Tons.	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE.
RUBI	2550	S. Crosby	Manila, Iloilo & Cebu	On 30th Nov., 4 P.M.
ZAFIRO	2550	E. Rico	Manila, Cebu & Iloilo	On 7th Dec., 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to

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General Managers.

PHILIPPINES S.S. Co.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1910

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NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG:

HOMEWARD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
FOR SINGAPORE, KOBE & YOKOHAMA:		
S.S. ARABIA	About 21st Nov.	
S.S. BRASILIA	1st Dec.	
S.S. SCANDIA	15th Oct.	
S.S. BRISGAVIA	16th Dec.	
S.S. SLAVONIA	30th Dec.	
S.S. SEGOVIA	12th Jan.	
S.S. SPEZIA	28th Jan.	

For Further Particulars, apply to—

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,

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Hongkong, 16th November 1910.

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JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJILATJAP.	JAVA	Second half of Nov.	JAPAN	Second half of Nov.
TJILWONG	JAVA	Second half of Nov.	SHANGHAI	Second half of Nov.
TJIPANAS	JAPAN	Second half of Nov.	JAVA	Second half of Nov.
TJIMAH	JAVA	First half of Dec.	JAPAN	First half of Dec.
TJIKINI	JAVA	First half of Dec.	SHANGHAI	First half of Dec.
TJIBODAS	JAVA	First half of Dec.	SHANGHAI	First half of Dec.

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian Ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

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Yok Buildings, 1st Floor.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1910.

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PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	Tons.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORTSAID	KAMO MARU Capt. F. L. Sommer	9,000	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Nov., at Daylight.
	AKI MARU Capt. K. Homma	7,000	WEDNESDAY, 7th Dec., at Daylight.
	MISHIMA MARU Capt. A. E. Moses	9,000	WEDNESDAY, 21st Dec., at Daylight.
	KAMAKURA MARU Capt. J. Nagao	7,000	SATURDAY, 3rd Dec., from Kobe.
VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE	AWA MARU Capt. S. Ishikawa	7,000	TUESDAY, 6th Dec., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI, and YOKOHAMA	INABA MARU Capt. K. Kawara	7,000	TUESDAY, 3rd Jan., at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler	6,000	FRIDAY, 25th Nov., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5,000	THURSDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5,000	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Nov., at Noon.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	HAKATA MARU Capt. A. Moecker	7,000	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Nov., at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	KAGA MARU Capt. M. Hagino	7,000	THURSDAY, 24th Nov., at 5 P.M.
	COLOMBO MARU Capt. E. Combes	5,000	TUESDAY, 29th November.

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PASSENGER SEASON, 1911.

SAILINGS AND PASSAGE RATES FROM HONGKONG.

To MARSEILLES and LONDON via SUEZ CANAL.

Steamers.	Tons.	Leave H.K.	To London, per New Steamers.	1st Class	2nd Class	3rd Class
MIYASAKI MARU	9000	15th Feb.	" "	Y. 550.00	R. 825.00	R. 360.00
KITANO	9000	1st Mar.	" "	" "	" "	" "
IYO	7000	15th "	" "	" "	" "	" "
HIRANO	9000	29th "	" "	" "	" "	" "
TANGO	9000	12th April	" "	" "	" "	" "
KAMO	9000	26th "	" "	" "	" "	" "
AKI	7000	10th May	" "	" "	" "	" "
MISHIMA	9000	24th "	" "	" "	" "	" "

To Pacific Coast Common Points: 1st Class S £30, 2nd Class S £21

To London via New York: 1st Class S £60

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STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

October 21st—Alcinoos, Somali, Yaddo, 25th

Australia, Penarth, Glenash, 28th—Jason,

Kosmon, Charlow, November 1st—Brazilia,

Ceylon, Glenash, Kaga Maru, Shimosa, Welsh

Prince, 4th—Hygon, Nib, Polyphemus, Byria,

8th—Benledi, Intercity, Pentrochekara, Bu-

bonia, 11th—Ambria, Akuta Maru, Iyo Maru,

Machon, Ville de la Citat, 16th—Nor-

Scandia, Wakasa Maru, Bandenta, Indradeo

18th—Achilles, Oceanen, Prometheus, Silena,

Alasia.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

November 18th—Abanga, Myrindon, Prins

Eitel Friedrich, St. Patrick.

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POST OFFICE NOTICE

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN Route to EUROPE.

The Parcel mails by the overland routes via Marseilles and Brindisi have missed connection with this mail owing presumably to the railway strike in France. Addressees receiving parcel receipts by the above routes will please note and present them on the arrival of the next English mail.

The *Polynesian*, with the French mail of the 21st ultimo, left Saigon on Saturday, the 19th instant, at 2 a.m., and may be expected here to-day, at 9 p.m.
The *Asaya*, with the English mail of the 28th ultimo, left Singapore on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, the 24th inst., at 4 p.m. This packet brings the parcel mails closed in London for despatch by the all sea route on the 19th of October, and for despatch overland on the 26th of October.

FOR	PER	DATE
Hailow and Pakhoi	Carl Diederichsen	Monday, 21st, 8.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe	St. Albans	Monday, 21st, 9.00 A.M.
Hailow and Pakhoi	Hongkong	Monday, 21st, 11.00 A.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang and Sourabaya	Typania	Monday, 21st, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore	Amster	Monday, 21st, 1.15 P.M.
Macao	Sui An	Monday, 21st, 1.15 P.M.
Tientsin	Chipping	Tuesday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Tuesday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Waihing	Tuesday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Kobe and Moji	Namsang	Tuesday, 22nd, 10.00 A.M.

EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TUTICORIN
(Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to NOON Extra Postage 10 cents.)
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Macao	Sui An	Tuesday, 22nd, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai and Japan	Polynesian	Tuesday, 22nd, 3.00 P.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	Kafong	Tuesday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Manila and Iloilo	Kamo Maru	Tuesday, 22nd, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Touareg	Wednesday, 23rd, 8.00 A.M.
Port Said and Haiphong	Chihli	Wednesday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Hailow and Pakhoi	Haitan	Wednesday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow	Fookang	Wednesday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Henrich Thren	Wednesday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, San Francisco and Portland	Yasuta Maru	Wednesday, 23rd, 11.00 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Hutchins	Wednesday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Tientsin and Tientsin	Typania	Thursday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Yokohama and Kobe	Chenan	Thursday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Kaga Maru	Thursday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Kobe and Yokohama	Haiyang	Friday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow		
Manila, Thursday Is. Cocktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Lannocet, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Dunedin, Perth, and Fremantle.	Kumano Maru	Friday, 25th, 11.00 A.M.

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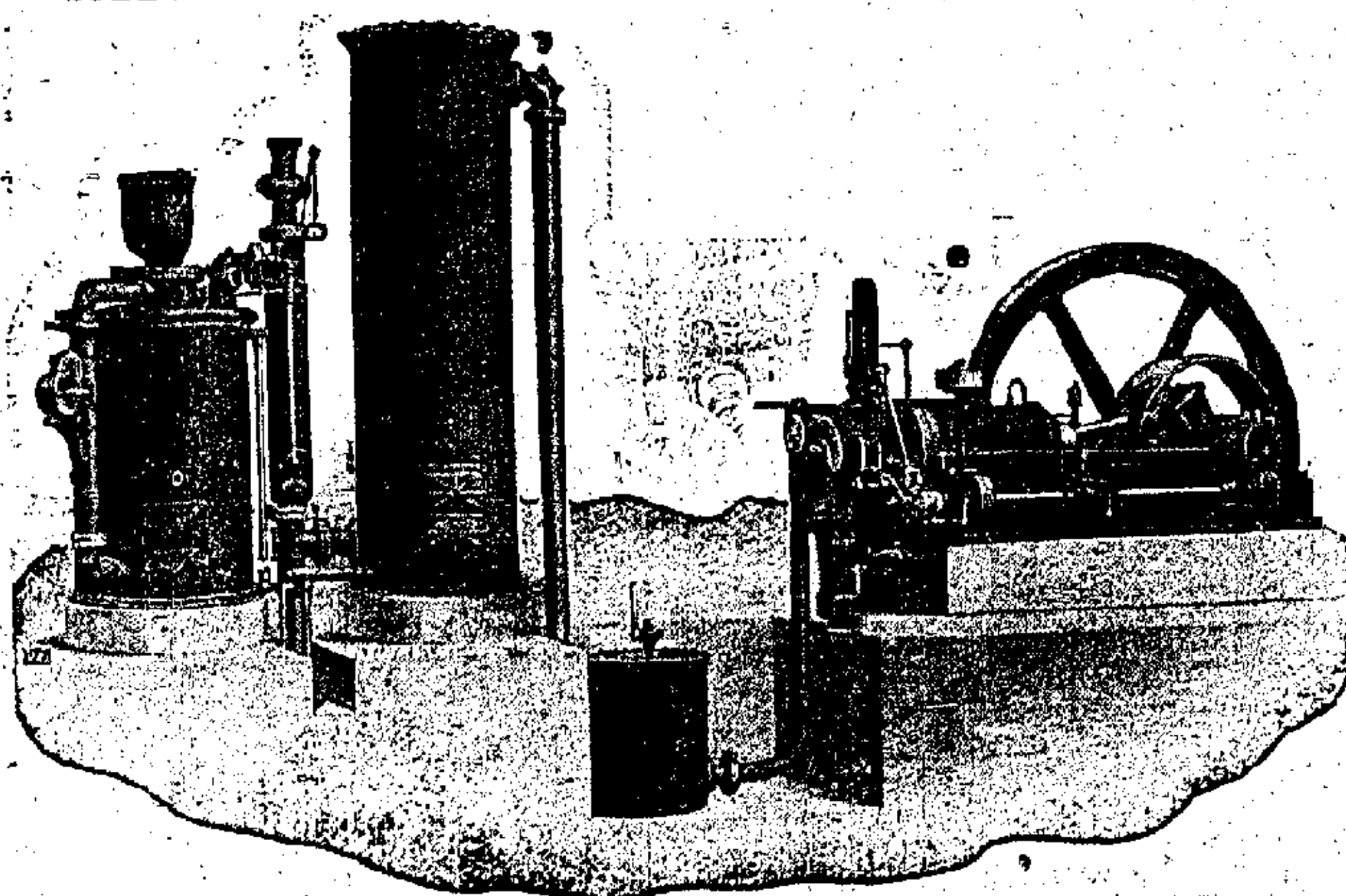
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COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE
CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

November 19th.

ON LONDON:—	Telegraphic Transfer	1/10 1/2
	Bank Bills, on demand	1/10 1/2
	Bank Bills, at 30 days sight	1/10 1/2
	Bank Bills, at 4 months sight	1/10 1/2
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/10 1/2
	Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1/10 1/2
ON PARIS:—	Bank Bills, on demand	23 1/2
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	24 1/2
ON GERMANY:—	On demand	19 1/2
ON NEW YORK:—	Bank Bills, on demand	45 1/2
	Credits, at 60 days' sight	46 1/2
ON BOMBAY:—	Telegraphic Transfer	138 1/2
	Bank, on demand	139
ON CALCUTTA:—	Telegraphic Transfer	138 1/2
	Bank, on demand	139
ON SHANGHAI:—	Bank, at sight	73 1/2
	Private, 30 days' sight	74 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA:—	On demand	91 1/2
ON MANILA:—	On demand—Pesos—	91 1/2
ON SINGAPORE:—	On demand	79 1/2
ON BATAVIA:—	On demand	112 1/2
ON HONGKONG:—	On demand	14 1/2 p.m.
ON SAIGON:—	On demand	1 1/2 p.m.
ON BANGKOK:—	On demand	83
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate		\$10.70
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael		\$55.50
BAR SILVER, per oz.		\$25 1/2

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Chinese	20 cents pieces	\$7.74 discount.
Chinese	10 "	\$7.98 "
Hongkong	20 "	\$7.57 "
Hongkong	10 "	\$7.74 "

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 19TH, 1910.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
BANKS.				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$880, buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	\$7	\$6	\$86, 10/-
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$80, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$10.
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$1
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$7 1/2, sellers
COTTON MILLS.				
Ewo Cotton Spin'g. & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 90.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$44.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 51.
Loon-Kung-How C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 50.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 250.
DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED	40,000	\$74	\$6	\$17 1/2, buyers
DOCKERS AND WHARVES.				
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$52, buyers
Hongkong and Wharf Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$50, sales
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$62	\$62	\$9, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 70.
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 95, buyers
FERROVIA & CO., LIMITED	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$9, sellers
GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$34.
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	\$10	\$205.
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$20.
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$97.
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	\$25	\$70.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$135, sellers
H'kong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	\$7	\$7.
INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$183, buyers
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$116, buyers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$87 1/2.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$25	\$350, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 110.
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$25.
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$195.
LANDS AND BUILDINGS.				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$100, sales
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$7, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$30	\$34, buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 110.
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$39, sellers
MINDS.				
Société Française des Charbon de Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$700.
Barr Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	\$1	\$62, sellers
PEAK TRAMWAYS CO., LIMITED	25,000	\$10	all	\$13, sellers
PHILIPPINE CO., LIMITED	50,000	\$10	\$1	\$14, sellers
RAFFLES.				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$125.
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$22.
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50.
STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$8, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$21, sellers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$14 1/2.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$5	all	\$8, \$5, 10/-
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,300,000	\$1	\$1	\$1, \$23, sellers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$12, sellers
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$25	\$25	\$25.
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	\$5, sellers
STOCKS AND BONDERS.				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$10.
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$2, buyers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$3, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$4, buyers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$11 1/2, sellers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$10	\$300.
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 fliers	\$10	\$10	\$61.
RUBBERS.				
Allagars	750,000	all	all	5/3.
Anglo-Malays	1,500,000	2/-	all	25/-
Bulgowine	151,200	\$1	all	\$11 (Sts.)
Batu Tigas	70,000	\$1	all	90/-
Bukit Kajangs	80,000	\$1	all	65/6
Castelfields, fully paid	30,000	\$1	all	117/6
Cheviots	70,000	\$1	all	13/9 prem.
Eastern and International	250,000	\$1	all	105/-
Highlands and Lowlands	307,145	\$1	all	5/6 prem.
Kamunings	1,825,000	2/-	all	—
Kuala Lumpur	100,000	2/-	all	16/6
Labur	100,000	\$1	all	72/6 buyers
Labur's	900,000	\$1	all	46/3
Linggis	1,266,000	2/-	all	13/3
London Ventures	1,750,000	2/-	all	5/6
Morlemans	45,000	\$10	all	\$35 (Sta.)
Poghe	50,000	\$2	all	\$28 (Sta.)
Rubber Trusts	100,000	\$1	all	25/3
Sandycrofts	100,000	\$1	all	72/6
Sepangs	120,000	\$2	all	\$12 (Sta.)
Shelfords	995,000	2/-	all	10/-
Singapore and Johore	90,000	2/-	all	—
Sumatra Farms	170,000	\$1	all	112/5
Sungai-Kapars				
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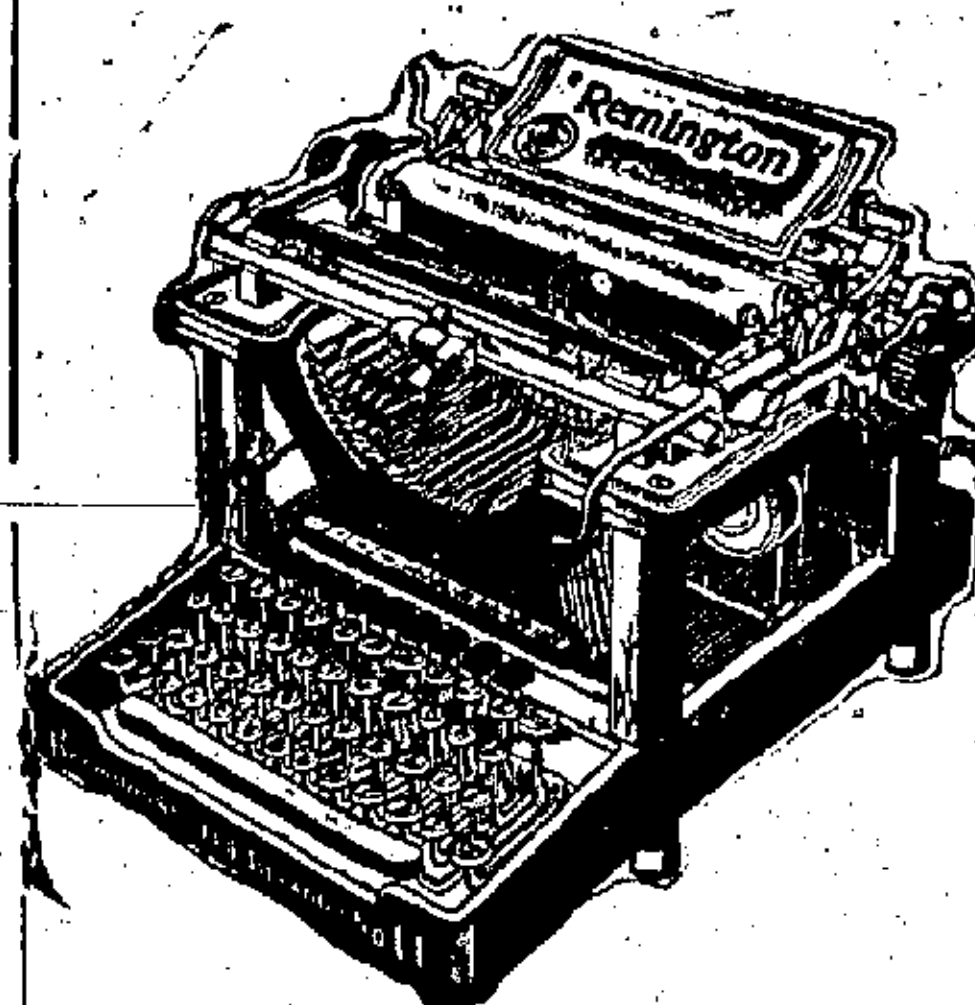
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